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PARIS FOR BNDD

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BNDD PROBE OF DRUG SHIPMENTS TO MEXICO

1. THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS IS CONDUCTING A PROBE INTO THE LEGAL WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF AMPHETAMINES, BARBITURATES AND METHAQUALONE IN THE BULK FORM. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THIS OPERATION IS TO DETERMINE ANY SHIPMENTS OF THESE PRODUCTS WHICH EVENTUALLY MAY END UP IN MEXICO.

2. CURRENT BNDD INFORMATION INDICATES THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE BEING SHIPPED IN BULK FORM FROM EUROPE TO MEXICO WHERE THEY ARE PROCESSED INTO FINAL DOSAGE FORM AND EVENTUALLY SMUGGLED INTO THE U. S. FOR ILLICIT DISTRIBUTION. THE EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS ARE MAKING THE SHIPMENTS IN GOOD FAITH THINKING THE MEXICAN RECIPIENT IS LEGALLY ENGAGED IN DRUG MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES.

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3. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BNDD HEADQUARTERS PLAN TO ARRIVE IN VIENNA AROUND MAY 25, 1973. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND, IF FEASIBLE, WITH APPROPRIATE GOA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS

FROM FOLLOWING FIRM AND ANY OTHER FIRMS KNOWN BY THE AUSTRIA GOVERNMENT TO BE HANDLING THESE PRODUCTS IN BULK FORM.

A) OSTERREICHISCHE STICKSTOFFWERKE AG
4021 LINZ, POSTFACH 296
ST. PETER 224.00 AUSTRIA

4. EMBASSY WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED BY BNDD REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN AUSTRIA. ROGERS

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